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PATENT
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2007, wherein restriction was required as follows:

PATENT
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Group I claims 1-11 and 13-23, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to "decentralized controlling;"

Group II claims 12 and 45-52, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to "computer network monitoring;" and

Group III claims 26-34 and 53, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to "computer network managing."

The aforementioned grouping of the claims omits claims 24, 25 and 35-44. The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the telephone interview on July 10, 2007, in which the Examiner noted that claims 24, 25 and 35-44 inadvertently were omitted from the Group III claims. Accordingly, Group III consists of claims 24-44 and 53.

While Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Examiner's characterization of the claims, nevertheless, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group III claims 24-44 and 53 for further prosecution in the present application.


Applicants reserve their right to file divisional applications to re-present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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